

Dear Parent/Carers,

9th September 2020

Online safety - TikTok

It has come to our attention that there is an incredibly distressing video on 'TikTok' of an adult male committing suicide.

Unfortunately this video has been circulating over the last few days and users on 'TikTok' have made attempts to disguise the video behind an innocent/funny video before revealing the upsetting content in an attempt to gain views and likes.

Our guidance to Parent/Carers is to disable TikTok from your child's phone until TikTok have had an opportunity to review the reported videos and remove them completely. With the increase in screen recordings, the video has been posted across several platforms and due to its graphic nature, this would be extremely upsetting for anyone to view.

TikTok contains some very positive and innocent content but it also has been used to share dangerous challenges, advocate sexualised behaviour and glorify drug use.

Please could we ask that all of our Parent/Carers discuss the risks of exposure to inappropriate content with their child, and ensure their privacy settings are sufficiently in place.

TikTok's age limit is 13 years old. This includes features to report videos for review and a choice of privacy settings.

Should your child require any support regarding this, please do refer to the safeguarding team or contact us on the e mail address below for any support and guidance.

Yours sincerely,

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